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**Introduced by Senator Maldonado**

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An act to amend Section 1501 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to health care facilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 142, as introduced, Maldonado. Community care facilities.

Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of community care facilities, as defined, by the State Department of Social Services.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 1501 of the Health and Safety Code is  
2     amended to read:  
3     1501. (a) The Legislature hereby finds and declares that there  
4     is an urgent need to establish a coordinated and comprehensive  
5     statewide service system of quality community care for mentally  
6     ill, developmentally and physically disabled, and children and  
7     adults who require care or services by a facility or organization  
8     issued a license or special permit pursuant to this chapter.  
9     (b) Therefore, the Legislature declares it is the intent of the  
10    state to develop policies and programs designed to: ~~(1) insure~~ *do*  
11    *all of the following:*

- 1     (1) *Ensure* a level of care and services in the community ~~which~~  
2     *that* is equal to or better than that provided by the state hospitals;  
3     ~~(2) assure.~~
- 4     (2) *Ensure* that all people who require them are provided with  
5     the appropriate range of social rehabilitative, habilitative and  
6     treatment services, including residential and nonresidential  
7     programs tailored to their needs; ~~(3) protect.~~
- 8     (3) *Protect* the legal and human rights of a person in or receiving  
9     services from a community care facility; ~~(4) insure.~~
- 10    (4) *Ensure* continuity of care between the medical-health  
11    elements and the supportive care-rehabilitation elements of  
12    California's health systems; ~~(5) insure.~~
- 13    (5) *Ensure* that facilities providing community care are adequate,  
14    safe, and sanitary; ~~(6) assure.~~
- 15    (6) *Ensure* that rehabilitative and treatment services are provided  
16    at a reasonable cost; ~~(7) assure that.~~
- 17    (7) *Ensure that* state payments for community care services are  
18    based on a flexible rate schedule varying according to type and  
19    cost of care and services provided; ~~(8) encourage.~~
- 20    (8) *Encourage* the utilization of personnel from state hospitals  
21    and the development of training programs to improve the quality  
22    of staff in community care facilities; ~~and (9).~~
- 23    (9) *Ensure* the quality of community care facilities by evaluating  
24    the care and services provided and furnishing incentives to upgrade  
25    their quality.